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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7, and insert the following:

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Figures 9A-9B are flowcharts illustrating an operating of reading a defined configuration of data gathering techniques of a device in accordance with the present invention;